

Echt & Skene Community Council

Minute of Meeting held 30th January 2020 in Garlogie Hall

Attendees: Fiona Bick, Ian Macmaster, Brian Poppleton, Niall MacBeath, Steve Gibson, George Glennie, Cllr Iris Walker, Cllr Ron McKail, Brian Poppleton, Paula Houston

Apologies: Nick Pilbeam, Klaus Wahle, Cllr Alistair McKelvie

Minute of last meeting: Approved with amendment to Forbes Park Landscaping item. Iris advised she had written in respect of a different development.

Police Report: No police officer attended the meeting. A police report was received in respect of January (attached). Fiona has asked for a report covering the whole period since the last report was received on 9th September 2019.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Community Resilience Checks:

Checks in Garlogie, Lyne of Skene and Echt are now completed. Kirkton of Skene and Dunecht are still to be confirmed. Nick has updated the paperwork for the folders and this was passed on to the respective members.

Forbes Park Landscaping: Council Planning Enforcement Officers visited to inspect the health of the trees in late 2019. No action from Kirkwood Homes yet. **Action:** Fiona to contact Kirkwood Homes.

Road Salt Piles: Iris advised the salt piles are for treating pavements and other public access areas. Members of the public are welcome to use the salt for these purposes. The salt piles have been replenished but the council has no plans to contain them as it is easier to load the pavement spreaders from a loose pile. **CLOSED**

Echt Hall Car Park Fly-Tipping: No change since last meeting. **Action:** Fiona to follow up with Waste department

Echt Hall Public Convenience Demolition: No change since last meeting. **Action:** Fiona to follow up with Tom Buchan.

Flooding on Kirkton of Skene to Westhill footpath: The blocked drains close to the Westhill Community Church have been cleared by Roads Department. **Action:** Fiona to contact Roads (Brian Strachan) to discuss options to mitigate flooding for the other two low points on the path.

Barmekin Park House Occupancy: The actual tenant has moved back into the property and is in the process of repairing damage. Thanks were expressed to Cllr McKelvie for prompting Housing department to investigate. **CLOSED**

New Planning Applications:

- APP/2019/2928 Prior Notification for Erection of General Purpose Agricultural Storage Building at Little Fornet, Dunecht AB32 7BX. No comment.
- APP/2019/2914 Change of Use, Alterations and Extension of Existing Steading to form 3 houses and associated garage at Tillyshogle, Echt, AB32 6XD. No comment.
- APP/2020/0045 Erection of general purpose agricultural storage building - Millbuie, Skene, AB32 6YP. No comment.

- APP/2020/0062 Erection of general purpose agricultural building - Millbuie, Skene, AB32 6YP. No comment.
- APP/2020/0036 External alterations (paintwork and installation of extracts and flues) – Kirkton House, Skene. No comment

Treasurer's Report:

Cash in Bank: £1745.09 Cash in hand: £37.86

Expenditure on hall hire fees and stamps since the last meeting.

Brian advised that the accounts have to be submitted by 31st March so any outstanding invoices should be passed to him for payment in advance.

Correspondence:

- An email was received from VE Day 75 enquiring whether any events were being planned in the area to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day on 8th May 2020. The members were not aware of any plans.

AOCB:

- Westhill Swimming Pool closure for refurbishment – 16th March to 10th April.
- Banchory Sports Village – located at Hill of Banchory and officially opened in January by Camilla, it has a swimming pool.
- Westhill and Elrick CC – Member nominations are invited from Westhill residents and business owners for the reformed community council to be submitted by 20th February (<https://westhillelrick.org/>)
- Red Star Inn, Kirkton of Skene– there had been a complaint about a car being obstructed when parked next to the Red Star. Iris advised that Aberdeenshire Council sold part of the car park to the owner of the Red Star when an application was submitted for the redevelopment of the rear function room, and so there are now a number of car parking spaces adjacent to the pub which are privately owned and may be marked as such. The pub lounge has now opened as Hosie's Fish and Chip establishment.
- The Village Store, Kirkton of Skene - it was noted the shop may be in some difficulty and is currently closed.
- Echt School Parking – it was noted that cars dropping off/collecting children from the school were being parked along the main road and sometimes crowded the zebra crossing.
- Echt Flashing 30mph Signs – Paula reported the signs north and west of the crossroads are not working/damaged. She will report the fault via Council website.

Next Meeting

Thursday 19th March 2020 in Milne Hall, Kirkton of Skene